



# THE BOARD of SUPERVISORS

## First District



**Gloria  
Molina**

## Second District



**Yvonne  
Brathwaite  
Burke**

## Third District



**Zev  
Yaroslavsky**

## Fourth District



**Don  
Knabe**

## Fifth District



**Michael D.  
Antonovich**

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1                   [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,  
2                   TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 70.]

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5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER. THIS  
6 MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER JOHN B. MICHAEL-  
7 REID, FROM ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, ARCADIA, FROM THE  
8 FIFTH DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY ARMANDO MARTINEZ,  
9 MEMBER OF THE COLOR GUARD, GLENWOOD POST NUMBER 7138, VETERAN  
10 OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT.  
11 FATHER MICHAEL-REID?

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13 **FATHER JOHN B. MICHAEL-REID:** LET US BOW OUR HEADS FOR PRAYER.  
14 FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND ASK FOR  
15 YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THIS MEETING. HELP US TO BE -- ALWAYS BE  
16 MINDFUL OF WHAT YOUR WILL WOULD BE FOR US, THAT WE MAY STAY  
17 OUT OF WHO'S RIGHT AND INTO WHAT'S RIGHT. WE ASK FOR YOUR  
18 BLESSINGS UPON THOSE THAT SERVE THIS COMMUNITY, FOR OUR  
19 VETERANS AND FOR OUR WHOLE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL. WE ASK THIS IN  
20 YOUR NAME, AND SO IT IS. AMEN.

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22 **ARMANDO MARTINEZ:** FACE THE FLAG, AND PLACE YOUR RIGHT ARM OVER  
23 YOUR HEART, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE  
24 OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY WE ARE VERY  
4    PLEASED TO HAVE FATHER JOHN MICHAEL-REID, WHO IS A PASTOR AT  
5    SAINT MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ARCADIA. HE ALSO  
6    HOLDS A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN RELIGION WITH A FOCUS  
7    ON PASTORAL COUNSELING. HE ALSO WAS THE -- LED THE INVOCATION  
8    AT THIS YEAR'S VETERANS PROGRAM THAT WE HELD AT ARCADIA PARK  
9    THIS PAST MEMORIAL DAY. AND WE APPRECIATE HIS INVOLVEMENT IN  
10   THE COMMUNITY AND COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN PRAYER AT THE  
11   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO FATHER, THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN AND WE  
12   LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NEXT VETERANS EVENT. THANK  
13   YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY  
16   PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS AND PRESENT A  
17   CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO ARMANDO MARTINEZ, A MEMBER OF  
18   THE COLOR GUARD, GLENWOOD POST NUMBER 7138, OF THE V.F.W.  
19   ARMANDO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES FROM 1943 THROUGH 1945 WITH  
20   THE 381ST INFANTRY REGIMENT. HE BATTLED ITALY IN NORTH AFRICA,  
21   EARNING VARIOUS MEDALS OF HONOR, INCLUDING THE BRONZE STAR,  
22   COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, AND THE  
23   WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL. HE'S BEEN A 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF  
24   THE FOURTH DISTRICT AND THE FATHER OF SIX CHILDREN. SO,  
25   ARMANDO, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WOULD LIKE



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1 TO PRESENT YOU WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND, ONCE  
2 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE  
3 OF ALLEGIANCE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CALL THE AGENDA.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
8 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. ON ITEM CS-4, AS NOTED ON THE  
9 GREEN SHEET, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE  
10 TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM CS-4 WILL BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D, ON ITEM NUMBER  
16 2-D, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS NOW REQUESTING THAT THE ITEM BE  
17 REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMISSION.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 2-D WILL BE REFERRED --

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** 2-B?

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 2-D, 2-D, WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE  
24 COMMISSION.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE,  
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
7 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH,  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND I HAVE A FEW REQUESTS ON SOME OF  
18 THOSE ITEMS, MADAM CHAIR. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR  
19 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS AN AMENDMENT TO ADD THE -- THE DIRECTOR OF  
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND  
21 SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER  
22 3, I HAVE A REQUEST FROM TONY BRAVO TO HOLD THE ITEM. ON ITEM  
23 NUMBER 9, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
24 ON ITEM NUMBER 10, HOLD FOR PETER BAXTER. AND THEN THE REST  
25 ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
3 BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 18 AND 19.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 20.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. ON ITEM 21, THE  
16 DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM?

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S 21.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 21, WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON --  
23 GO AHEAD. I'M SORRY.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ITEM 22.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES. ON ITEM 23, THE DIRECTOR  
6 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
7 HOWEVER, I HAVE A REQUEST TO HOLD FROM GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND  
8 OTHERS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS ITEM IS BEING REFERRED  
11 BACK. DOES -- TO ANY OF THE PEOPLE HERE WHO'VE ASKED TO HOLD  
12 IT FEEL IT IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO SPEAK? ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD  
13 23.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. ON ITEM 24,  
16 THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 24 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 25 THROUGH 41.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 21, ON ITEM 42, THE SANITATION  
2 DISTRICT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 43 AND 44. ON ITEM NUMBER  
8 43, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE,  
9 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS TWO WEEKS OKAY FOR YOU?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S FINE WITH ME.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 43 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR  
16 TWO WEEKS.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ITEM 44 IS BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 45.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 46  
5   THROUGH 50. ON ITEM NUMBER 46, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A  
6   THREE-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO AUGUST 26TH, 2003.

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 46 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR  
9   THREE WEEKS. ON THE REMAINDER --

10

11   **SUP. KNABE:** 46 IS CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS?

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA,  
14   SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 51  
17   THROUGH 61, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE INTO THE RECORD.  
18   ORDINANCES EXTENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, FRANCHISES TO  
19   PROVIDE CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES IN THE FOLLOWING  
20   UNINCORPORATED AREAS. ALTADENA, AZUSA, KINNEOLA, NORWALK,  
21   SOUTH MONROVIA AND WEST COVINA AREAS TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS  
22   ENTERTAINMENT TO L.L.C. HIDDEN HILLS AREA AND REFLECTING A  
23   NAME CHANGE FROM THE FRANCHISEE FROM HIDDEN HILLS CABLE T.V.,  
24   INC. TO FALCON CABLE TELEVISION, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED  
25   PARTNERSHIP. LOST HILLS --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** -- I'M SORRY.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** LOST HILLS AND MALIBU AREAS TO FALCON  
5 CABLE TELEVISION, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LONG BEACH  
6 AREA TO LONG BEACH, L.L.C, LA CRESCENTA AND MONTROSE AREAS TO  
7 MARCUS CABLE ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. THE ITEMS ARE NOW BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM -- DO I -- WE NEED A MOTION ON EACH  
10 SEPARATE, DON'T WE?

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YOU CAN DO ONE FOR ALL OF THEM.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE CAN DO ONE FOR ALL OF THEM. THEN MOVED  
15 BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
16 ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES -- ORDINANCE, EXCUSE ME, FOR  
19 ADOPTION, ITEM 62.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 63 THROUGH 65. 63  
25 IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT



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1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF EAST SIDE  
2 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003 IN  
3 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,637,822.90. THAT  
4 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
10 ON ITEM 64, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS  
11 BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED  
12 ASSESSMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS A RESULT, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT  
15 THE RESOLUTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE  
16 PALMDALE ZONE B, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT  
17 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 65, WE'LL HOLD FOR REPORT. BUDGET  
20 MATTER, ITEM 66.

21

22 **SHARON HARPER, CHIEF DEPUTY, C.A.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, RECOMMEND  
23 THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT WITH THE AMENDMENT TO  
24 INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
25 SERVICES REPORT BACK MID YEAR ON THE ACTUAL COSTS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC HEARING. ON ITEM 67, THE LIBRARIAN  
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 67 WILL BE TAKEN OFF  
9 CALENDAR.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
12 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
13 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
14 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
15 ITEM 68-A.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
21 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
22 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU  
25 WANTED TO MAKE SOME INTRODUCTIONS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO HAVE AN  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE SOME OF THE WONDERFUL INTERNS THAT  
4 JOINED ME THIS YEAR. I THINK AS BOARD MEMBERS MANY OF US HAVE  
5 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IN SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SOME  
6 OF THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST THROUGHOUT OUR COLLEGES AND  
7 UNIVERSITIES, AND I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER, AS WELL  
8 AS MY STAFF, TO WORK WITH FOUR OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE. I WANTED  
9 TO INTRODUCE THEM AND GIVE THEM A CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION.  
10 EACH OF THEM HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A SPECIAL AREA OF  
11 RESPONSIBILITY AND THEY WORKED ALONGSIDE THE STAFF AND  
12 PRODUCED SOME EXCELLENT WORK, AND IT PASSED BY VERY QUICKLY  
13 AND NOW THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO SCHOOL. FIRST OF ALL, LET  
14 ME MAKE A PRESENTATION TO ZACH SEAL. HE IS A SECOND-YEAR  
15 MASTER'S STUDENT IN CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING AT THE  
16 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, AND HE WORKED  
17 THIS YEAR ON A SERIES OF REPORTS AND OUTLINES AND PROGRAMS ON  
18 OUR BIOTECH PROPOSALS, SO I WANT TO THANK ZACH FOR JOINING US  
19 AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR PROVIDING US WITH THAT REPORT.  
20 CONGRATULATIONS ZACH. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ASHLEY KRUEGER, WHO IS A JUNIOR AT WHITTIER  
23 COLLEGE, AND SHE'S MAJORING IN ENGLISH AND HISTORY. AND THE  
24 ASSIGNMENT THAT SHE HAD THIS YEAR IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE  
25 TOUGHEST JOBS FOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND



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1 THAT IS TRYING TO FIND SOLUTIONS, PROGRAMS, AND A WAY TO END  
2 HOMELESSNESS. SO SHE HAD A TOUGH JOB. ASHLEY? [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MARISA HERNANDEZ STERN WHO IS A JUNIOR AT BROWN  
5 UNIVERSITY. SHE'S MAJORING IN MODERN AMERICAN HISTORY, BUT HER  
6 TASK WITH US WAS ALSO TO JOIN IN FINDING THOSE WAYS AND  
7 POSSIBILITIES THAT WE CAN BRING THE BIOTECH INDUSTRY HERE TO  
8 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MARISA, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE  
9 ]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND FINALLY, VICKY SANTANA, WHO IS A SECOND YEAR  
12 MASTER STUDENT IN PUBLIC POLICY AT HARVARD AT THE UNIVERSITY  
13 OF JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT. SHE WAS ASSIGNED THIS  
14 YEAR TO WORK ON PROGRAM AND POLICY ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE  
15 SHOWCASED IN PLAZA EL CULTURA AND ART THERE VERY SOON. SHE IS  
16 ALSO -- A BIG SISTER? A LITTLE SISTER OF MIGUEL SANTANA FROM  
17 MY OFFICE. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO THANK THEM. THEY WERE TERRIFIC, AND I  
20 HOPE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THIS KIND OF TALENT INTO  
21 COUNTY GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THEY WOULD SURELY BRING QUITE A BIT  
22 AND HELP US ON MANY ISSUES, SO I WANT TO THANK THEM SO MUCH  
23 FOR JOINING US. THANK YOU GUYS.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S IT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL DEPUTY MICHAEL AUSTIN  
5 FORWARD. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LAST JULY 3RD, AT 6:00 P.M., WHILE HE WAS  
8 OFF DUTY, DEPUTY MICHAEL AUSTIN WAS IN THE CITY OF ORANGE  
9 VISITING HIS SISTER WHO LIVES IN A TOWN HOME COMPLEX WHERE  
10 THERE'S A COMMUNITY POOL. THAT DAY, IT WAS CROWDED WITH  
11 CHILDREN. MIKE'S SISTER NOTICED A LIFELESS LITTLE BODY IN THE  
12 POOL AND SHE WENT AND PULLED THE CHILD OUT. SHE CALLED MIKE,  
13 WHO BEGAN C.P.R. ON THE UNCONSCIOUS CHILD. MIKE MANAGED TO  
14 REVIVE THE CHILD BEFORE THE PARAMEDICS ARRIVED. THE CHILD WAS  
15 TAKEN TO A NEARBY HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY CARE AND HE'S DOING  
16 FINE. AND IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE HONOR DEPUTY  
17 MICHAEL AUSTIN FOR HIS HEROIC ACTION AND LIFE SAVING  
18 ASSISTANCE DURING A SERIOUS EMERGENCY INCIDENT.  
19 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **DEPUTY MICHAEL AUSTIN:** MY SISTER HERE IN THE RED SHIRT, DIANA,  
22 CAME TODAY. SHE'S THE ONE WHO PULLED THE CHILD OUT. I WANT TO  
23 THANK HER FOR JUMPING IN THAT POOL AND GETTING -- MAKING  
24 ENOUGH RACKET TO GET MY ATTENTION. I WAS INSIDE WATCHING T.V.,  
25 BUT I WAS JUST HAPPY TO BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND THE RIGHT



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1 TIME, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR  
2 RECOGNITION. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **DEPUTY MICHAEL AUSTIN:** I JUST WANT TO INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE  
5 THAT ARE HERE. MY SON BRANDON, MY WIFE, ROBERTA; MY MOTHER-IN-  
6 LAW, ROBIN; MY MOM, LESLIE; MY FATHER-IN-LAW, RON; SISTER-IN-  
7 LAW, BECKY, WHO IS ALSO AN EMPLOYEE ON THE SHERIFF'S  
8 DEPARTMENT; MY SISTER, DIANA, AND THEN THE CAPTAIN OF CARSON  
9 SHERIFF'S STATION, TODD ROGERS. THANKS TO MY FELLOW DETECTIVES  
10 ALSO. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** CAPTAIN ROGERS IS ALSO A COUNCILMAN IN THE CITY OF  
13 LAKEWOOD. [ MIXED VOICES ]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.  
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
19 IT'S A MORNING FOR HEROES. I'D LIKE TO ASK DEANA GONZALEZ TO  
20 COME FORWARD. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** ON MAY 28TH OF THIS YEAR, DEANA, WHO WAS  
23 CELEBRATING HER 11TH BIRTHDAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT HER  
24 POOL PARTY. AT ABOUT 5:30 P.M., A SMALL GROUP OF ADULTS AND  
25 CHILDREN WERE IN THE ENCLOSED POOL AREA IN DEANA'S TORRANCE



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1 APARTMENT COMPLEX. DEANA NOTICED THAT HER FRIEND, MICHAEL  
2 STEELE, WAS SUBMERGED IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FEET OF WATER AND  
3 NOT MOVING. YOUNG DEANA SWAM DOWN TO HIM, KICKED HIM WITH NO  
4 RESPONSE. SHE CAME TO THE SURFACE AND ALSO NOTICED AIR BUBBLES  
5 POPPING ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER. SHE KNEW THAT SOMETHING  
6 WAS WRONG. DEANA QUICKLY DOVE UNDERWATER AND LIFTED HER  
7 FRIEND, MICHAEL, TO THE SURFACE, AND PULLED HIM TO THE EDGE OF  
8 THE POOL. MICHAEL WAS BLUE AND NOT BREATHING, AND WAS BLEEDING  
9 FROM THE CORNER OF HIS MOUTH. DEANA THEN SHOUTED FOR HER  
10 MOTHER, WHO HELPED PULL HIM FROM THE POOL AND PROCEEDED TO  
11 PERFORM MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION ON MICHAEL, WHILE DEANA  
12 RAN TO CALL 9-1-1. THE PARAMEDICS ARRIVED AND TOOK MICHAEL TO  
13 TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, WHERE HE WAS TREATED AND  
14 LATER FULLY RECOVERED FROM A NEAR DROWNING ACCIDENT. SO TO  
15 YOUNG DEANA, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND I'M  
16 SURE MICHAEL MOST IMPORTANTLY, BUT ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS  
17 GREAT COUNTY, WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN  
18 RECOGNITION OF YOUR INCREDIBLE PEACE OF MIND, BEING CALM, AND  
19 THE HEROIC ACTIVITIES OF THIS RESCUE, AND WE JUST WANT TO SAY  
20 THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THE MOMENT SHE ENJOYED MOST WERE THE  
23 DOUGHNUTS IN THE OFFICE THIS MORNING. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, ANOTHER HERO IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S MY GREAT  
2    PLEASURE TO BRING FORWARD LONG BEACH FIRE FIGHTER, SALVADOR  
3    RIOS. MR. RIOS IS BEING HONORED TODAY FOR HIS BRAVERY AND  
4    COURAGE AS AN OFF-DUTY LONG BEACH FIREFIGHTER. ON APRIL 11TH,  
5    MR. RIOS, ON HIS WAY HOME FROM HIS NORMAL SHIFT WITH THE LONG  
6    BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN HE SAW SMOKE COMING FROM A HOME IN  
7    THE CITY OF CERRITOS. HE HEADED TOWARDS THE SMOKE, EXPECTING  
8    TO WATCH LOCAL FIRE FIGHTERS IN ACTION. HOWEVER, HE FOUND THAT  
9    L.A. COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS HAD NOT YET ARRIVED, AND WITHOUT  
10   HESITATION, MR. RIOS RAN INTO A SMOKE AND FLAME-FILLED HOME  
11   AND FOUND A MAN FRANTICALLY RUNNING AROUND THE GROUP LEVEL  
12   SEARCHING FOR HIS MOTHER. MR. RIOS RAN BACK IN, FOUND THE  
13   WOMAN, HOISTED HER ON HIS SHOULDERS AND CARRIED HER TO SAFETY  
14   OUTSIDE, WHERE SHE WAS PLACED INTO HER WHEELCHAIR. MOMENTS  
15   LATER, AND WITHOUT PROTECTIVE GEAR, MR. RIOS WAS BACK INSIDE  
16   THE HOME TO LOCATE AND RESCUE THE MAN'S TWO DOGS. FIGHTING  
17   THROUGH THE HEAVY SMOKE THAT HAD FILLED THE TWO-STORY  
18   RESIDENCE, HE RESCUED THE DOGS AS WELL. SO THEREFORE,  
19   SALVADOR, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL THE  
20   CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, WE WANT TO COMMEND YOU AS WELL  
21   FOR YOUR DILIGENCE IN THE SAVING OF THIS LIFE AND THE ANIMALS  
22   AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND AND, AGAIN, THE ABILITY TO DO WHAT YOU  
23   DO AND WE KNOW THAT IN YOUR PROFESSION, YOU DO THIS EACH AND  
24   EVERY DAY, AND FOR THAT, WE'RE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.  
25   CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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**FIRE FIGHTER SALVADOR RIOS:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS RECOGNITION. I ALSO WANT TO  
INTRODUCE MY FAMILY. MY WIFE, MARIA; MY TWO KIDS, DANIEL AND  
ADRIENNE; AND ALSO WITH ME TODAY IS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF  
OPERATIONS FOR THE LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT, DEPUTY CHIEF  
PADALANO. I ACCEPT THIS AWARD IN BEHALF OF THE -- MY FELLOW  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE THEY DO  
THIS ON A DAILY BASIS, AND I JUST HAPPEN TO BE THE LUCKY ONE  
GETTING RECOGNIZED, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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**SUP. KNABE:** WE'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT ON T.V. AND RADIO  
YESTERDAY AND TODAY. TODAY IS THE EVENT THAT'S TAKING PLACE,  
IS THE 20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF  
7:00 AND 10:00. THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NEIGHBORS WILL  
JOIN FORCES WITH THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITIES NATION-WIDE IN A  
SHOW OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME AND ILLEGAL DRUG  
USE. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH AND IS CO-SPONSORED BY OUR LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. NATIONALLY OVER 10,000  
COMMUNITIES AND OVER 33 MILLION PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN ALL 50 STATES. U.S. TERRITORIES, CANADIAN  
STATES, AND MILITARY BASES AROUND THE WORLD, BUT, MORE  
IMPORTANTLY, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT STRENGTHENS BONDS BETWEEN  
RESIDENTS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, ALLOWING



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1 RESIDENTS TO TAKE BACK THE STREETS, PARKS, FRONT YARDS, AND  
2 WHEREVER PEOPLE RESIDE FROM THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THIS UNION,  
3 BASED ON POLICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, HAS RETURNED OWNERSHIP  
4 TO THE GOOD PEOPLE WHILE SENDING A MESSAGE TO CRIMINALS WE ARE  
5 NOT LETTING GO. I'M GOING TO ASK NATALIE MACIAS FROM DIRECTOR  
6 OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO SAY A FEW  
7 WORDS AND PRESENT HER THIS SCROLL, BUT 'TIL I THINK SHE'S GOT  
8 ALL THE INFORMATION OF ALL THE DIFFERENT EVENTS TAKEN  
9 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. NATALIE?

10

11 **NATALIE MACIAS:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON  
12 BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE'D  
13 LIKE TO INVITE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU OUT TONIGHT TO A  
14 NUMBER OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GOING ON COUNTY-WIDE.  
15 WE'LL BE CELEBRATING AT PARKS, CHURCHES, AND SCHOOLS. WE'LL  
16 HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD VIGILS, WE'LL BE BLOCKING OFF STREETS TO  
17 HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTIES, BECAUSE THE MAIN EMPHASIS TONIGHT  
18 IS TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND GET  
19 NEIGHBORHOODS ORGANIZED TO LET CRIMINALS KNOW THAT WE'RE  
20 FIGHTING BACK AND WE'RE THE ONES THAT ARE IN CHARGE. SO FOR  
21 THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL  
22 SHERIFF'S STATIONS, JOIN US IN OUR PEACE MARCHES, OUR BLOCK  
23 WATCH MEETINGS, OUR PRESENTATIONS AT OUR SCHOOLS AND, ABOVE  
24 ALL ELSE, MAKE SURE THAT YOU CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW



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1 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO BE PART OF A NEIGHBORHOOD OR A BUSINESS  
2 WATCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THIS IS THE MONTH THAT WE ARE DECLARING  
7 YOUTH MONTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AUGUST 2003, AND WITH US  
8 THIS MORNING IS TAHRA GORAYA, WHO IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
9 "DAY ONE," WHICH SERVICES THE PASADENA, ALTADENA COMMUNITIES  
10 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 31,000 YOUNG  
11 PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THESE TWO AREAS OF OUR COUNTY, AND THEY  
12 HAVE COME TOGETHER AND ADOPTED THE PASADENA/ALTADENA A FAMILY  
13 COMMUNITY POLICY TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CHILDREN,  
14 YOUTH, AND FAMILY. THIS MONTH, THEY ARE ALSO HAVING A PROGRAM,  
15 WHICH IS A DRUG-FREE PROGRAM, EDUCATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ON  
16 THE NEEDS TO BE DRUG-FREE AND TO CONCENTRATE ON EDUCATION AS  
17 THE OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT THEM ONLY THROUGH A STRONG EDUCATION  
18 AND REMAINING DRUG-FREE. SO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES, LET US GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION, TAHRA, AND WISH  
20 YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR PROGRAMS.

21

22 **TAHRA GORAYA:** GOOD MORNING AND ON BEHALF OF OVER 30 COMMUNITY-  
23 BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS THAT SUPPORT YOUTH MONTH IN  
24 PASADENA AND ALTADENA, INCLUDING THE FAITH COMMUNITY, AND LAW  
25 ENFORCEMENT, AND ESPECIALLY THE 'DAY ONE' YOUTH ADVOCATES I



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1    THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JOINING US AGAIN THIS YEAR  
2    IN CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, AND I HOPE THAT  
3    YOU WILL COME OUT TO PASADENA AND ALTADENA AND PARTAKE IN THE  
4    MONTH-LONG FESTIVITIES OF POSITIVE, HEALTHY, DRUG-FREE  
5    ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND OFFICIALLY  
6    ALSO BRING TO YOU OUR YOUTH MONTH CALENDARS AND HOPE TO SEE  
7    YOU ON AUGUST 29TH IN FRONT OF THE HISTORIC PASADENA CITY HALL  
8    FOR YOUTH FEST. SO COME ON OUT, HELP SPREAD THE WORD, AND  
9    AGAIN, THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE STUDENTS,  
12    COACHES, AND WE UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE PARENTS FROM JOHN  
13    BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL AND LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHO  
14    EARNED HIGH AWARDS IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE FUTURE PROBLEM-  
15    SOLVING COMPETITION, HELPING STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO APPLY AND  
16    IMPLEMENT RIGOROUS PROBLEM-SOLVING TECHNIQUES TO THE FUTURE'S  
17    MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGES, THIS UNIQUE COMPETITION IS  
18    DEVELOPING OUR LEADERS FOR TOMORROW. COACHED BY BARBARA WEISS  
19    AND ANNIE SUTTER, THE LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM,  
20    ARSELLI ALFREDO AND CHANEL CHUNG, KELLY BONNER, AND STEPHANIE  
21    CORTEZ FINISHED SECOND IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION AND QUALIFIED  
22    FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TEAM MEMBER. ERICK PARKER  
23    CAME IN SECOND IN THE INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION. EXAMINING D.N.A.  
24    IDENTIFICATION AT THE STATE BOWL, JOHN BURROUGHS, HIGH SCHOOL  
25    STUDENT, JOEL NEWMAN FINISHED FIRST IN THE INDIVIDUAL



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1 COMPETITION, REPRESENTED CALIFORNIA AT THE INTERNATIONAL  
2 CONFERENCE WHERE HE ANALYZED WORLD-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS. AND  
3 WITH US TODAY, WE HAVE, FROM LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE  
4 HAVE THE PRINCIPAL, WANDA ARMSTRONG, AND WE ALSO HAVE THE  
5 COACHES, BARBARA WEISS AND ANNIE SUTTER AND WE'D LIKE TO  
6 RECOGNIZE THEM AT THIS TIME. SO FIRST TO BARBARA. COACH ANNIE  
7 SUTTER. AND ARSELLI ALFREDO. AND STEPHANIE CORTEZ AND HER  
8 MOTHER, HEIDI IS HERE AS WELL. AND FROM LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE  
9 SCHOOL, ERICK PARKER AND HIS MOTHER, CLAIRE AND FATHER,  
10 MICHAEL. COACH JILL SULLIVAN FROM JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL.  
11 NOT HERE. OKAY. AND JOEL NEWMAN AND HIS FATHER, DAVID. CAN WE  
12 HAVE THE COACHES COME UP AND ALSO THE PRINCIPAL TO SAY A FEW  
13 WORDS?

14

15 **BARBARA WEISS:** WE JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
16 HONORING THESE KIDS. THEY'VE DONE GREAT WORK. THEY ARE USING A  
17 VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCESS AND THEY'RE LOOKING AT  
18 REAL LIFE ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, TO COME IN SECOND AT THE STATE  
19 BOWL, THEY HAD TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF D.N.A.  
20 IDENTIFICATION, AND THEN WHEN THEY WENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
21 CONFERENCE, THEY WERE DEALING WITH WORLD-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS.  
22 SO THESE ARE YOUR LEADERS OF THE FUTURE, AND YOU SHOULD BE  
23 PROUD OF THEM. [ APPLAUSE ]

24



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1   **WANDA ARMSTRONG:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE 1104 STUDENTS  
2   AT LUTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN BURBANK, CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS THE  
3   STAFF AND PARENTS, I AGAIN THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR HONORING  
4   US TODAY, AND I'M ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL TO OUR  
5   COACHES, COACH BARBARA WEISS AND COACH ANNIE SUTTER. [  
6   APPLAUSE ]

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8   **ERICK PARKER:** I WROTE A POEM FOR MY COACHES. WHEN I LOOK AT  
9   THESE TWO PEOPLE, I SEE THE INSPIRATION THAT GUIDED ME, THE  
10   SAME INSPIRATION THAT HELPED ME THOROUGHLY FROM EVERYTHING  
11   FROM "A" TO "Z." IF IT HAD NOT HAD BEEN FOR THEM AND THEIR  
12   EVERLASTING HOPE, WE WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP AND COMPLETELY LOST  
13   OUR HOPE. THEIR LOVE AND CARE AND FAITH IN US HAS PROVED THEM  
14   AS EXTREMELY JUST, SO WHEN I ASK YOU, WHY ARE WE HERE, THE  
15   ANSWER IS NOT TO HONOR US, BUT TO RECOGNIZE THESE TWO PEOPLE  
16   WHO HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES EXTREMELY JUST. THANK YOU. [  
17   APPLAUSE ]

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE GIRL, HER NAME IS SUSIE,  
20   WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S A FOUR-MONTH-OLD SPANISH MIX.  
21   AND -- SPANIEL MIX AND --

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SPANISH MIX. HEH-HEH.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING AT HOME, BIGGER ON THE  
2   MIX THAN THE SPANIEL. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ].

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ANYBODY AT HOME COULD DIAL THE TELEPHONE  
5   NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN, (562) 728-4644  
6   AND LITTLE SUSIE CAN BE YOURS. [ MIXED VOICES ]

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES THAT CONCLUDE ALL THE PRESENTATIONS?  
9   SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS UP FIRST TODAY.

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11   **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANY ITEMS, MADAM CHAIR.  
12   RIGHT? BUT I DO HAVE A MOTION I'D LIKE TO READ IN FOR NEXT  
13   WEEK. ON AUGUST THE 1ST OF 2003, JOHNSON CONTROL TOOK OVER THE  
14   CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN THE COUNTY FLEET. THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL  
15   OBLIGATION IS LIMITED TO 763,000. THE REMAINING CHARGE TO THE  
16   COUNTY UP TO 5.4 MILLION WOULD BE GENERATED UNDER A FEE FOR  
17   SERVICE ARRANGEMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CONTRACT. J.C.I. WAS  
18   RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BECAUSE IT WAS  
19   THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. DURING THE REVIEW OF THE  
20   CONTRACT, CONCERNS WERE RAISED BY FLEET MAINTENANCE WORKERS,  
21   UNION REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS THE PREVIOUS CONTRACTOR THAT  
22   THE ONLY REASON WHY J.C.I. WAS ABLE TO OFFER A LOWER BID WAS  
23   BECAUSE OF THEIR INTENTION TO PAY THE WORKERS LESS THAT THEY  
24   ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING IN WAGES. BOTH J.C.I. AND I.S.D.  
25   ASSURED THE BOARD THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD NOT -- WOULD BE MORE



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1 COST -- WOULD NOT BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE ON THE BACKS OF  
2 WORKERS. HOWEVER, I RECENTLY LEARNED BY AN ANONYMOUS EMPLOYEE  
3 OF NOW J.C.I. THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WERE OFFERED A  
4 LOWER WAGE THAN THEY RECEIVED UNDER THE PREVIOUS CONTRACTOR.  
5 THIS EMPLOYEE REQUESTED ANONYMITY AND FEAR OF RETALIATION BY  
6 J.C.I. AND I.S.D. IN FACT, EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN TOLD BY I.S.D.  
7 MANAGERS NOT TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD OFFICERS REGARDING THESE  
8 ISSUES. ACCORDING TO DATA I RECEIVED FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR  
9 OF I.S.D. DAVE LAMBERTSON, NEARLY HALF OF THE WORKERS WERE  
10 OFFERED LESS THAN WHAT THEY EARNED UNDER THE PREVIOUS  
11 CONTRACTOR. THE REDUCTION RANGES FROM 25 CENTS TO NEARLY \$8 AN  
12 HOUR. HE ALLEGES THAT THIS IS THE CASE BECAUSE SOME OF THE  
13 WORKERS DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATION TO RECEIVE A  
14 COMPARABLE WAGE. IN TOTAL THE HOURLY WAGE REDUCTION TO  
15 EMPLOYEES SAVES J.C.I. A TOTAL OF NEARLY \$60 FOR EVERY HOUR OF  
16 SERVICE. THIS INFORMATION IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN BECAUSE OF  
17 THE POTENTIAL APPEARANCE OF UNION BUSTING GIVEN THE PREVIOUS  
18 CONTRACTOR WAS A UNION SHOP WHILE J.C.I. IS NOT. I THEREFORE  
19 MOVE THE BOARD DIRECT DAVE LAMBERTSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF  
20 I.S.D., TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN TWO WEEKS WITH A PLAN  
21 THAT WILL RESULT IN ALL J.C.I. FLEET EMPLOYEES HIRED UNDER  
22 THIS CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE A COMPARABLE PAY TO  
23 WHAT IS RECEIVED WHEN EMPLOYED BY THE PREVIOUS CONTRACTOR.  
24 THIS PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE A PROGRAM TO CERTIFY THOSE EMPLOYEES  
25 WITH THE APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALS OR TO CONSIDER THE EQUIVALENT



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1 WORK EXPERIENCE SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE COMPARABLE  
2 PAY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITHOUT -- IT'S A REPORT BACK, SO  
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. GOOD. AND -- OH, THAT'S RIGHT, I HAVE ITEM  
10 NUMBER 2. IT'S THE BROWNFIELD AMENDMENT.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I'M PASSING OUT  
13 THAT THE STAFF SHALL INCORPORATE IN THE POLICY REVIEW AND RISK  
14 BASED SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS THE PROVISION CONTAINED  
15 IN THE PREVIOUSLY ENACTED SB-32 ASCUTIA AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
16 REGARDING THE COUNTY POSITION ON SB-493 AS IT SEEKS TO ADDRESS  
17 LIABILITY REFORM ISSUES. ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU HAD SOMETHING?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE JUST ADDING REGIONAL PLANNING TO THE  
22 PROCESS.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND VIOLET HAD MEANT -- READ THAT, SO THAT'S  
2   PART OF THE AMENDMENT.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THEN MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
5   BY ANTONOVICH AS AMENDED.

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS ON THE BROWNFIELDS.

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9   **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
12   ITEM 2, THAT WAS. IF THAT'S THE ONLY ITEM YOU'RE CALLING, DID  
13   YOU -- SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? YOU  
14   HAD -- DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? ALL RIGHT.  
19   ALL RIGHT, I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS I'D LIKE TO READ AT THIS  
20   TIME. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
21   PEARL ELLA JOHNSON, WHO PASSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 29TH AFTER A  
22   LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER AT THE AGE OF 73. SHE SPENT 51 YEARS  
23   IN DIFFERENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, JAILS, AND INSTITUTIONS  
24   ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN 1994, PEARL ELLA JOHNSON BECAME THE  
25   FIRST MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER TO BE HIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 MENTAL HEALTH AS A COMMUNITY WORKER AT THE CENTRAL LOS ANGELES  
2 CONTINUING CARE LINKAGE PROGRAM AT L.A.C./U.S.C. PSYCHIATRIC  
3 HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE PROVIDED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO  
4 CONSUMERS DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL. PEARL BECAME A STRONG  
5 AND TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR CONSUMERS. SHE PRESENTED WORKSHOPS  
6 AND MADE PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED  
7 STATES, INTERNATIONAL, AND LOCAL. SHE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE  
8 CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE ABOUT CONSUMER ISSUES ON MANY  
9 OCCASIONS AND SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF NUMEROUS  
10 ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH CONSUMER ISSUES. SHE'S SURVIVED  
11 BY HER DAUGHTER, THEODORA JOHNSON, TANIA OF COMPTON, AND A  
12 HOST OF GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND I THINK SHE  
13 WAS EVEN OUT WHEN WE HAD THE REORGANIZATION OF AUGUSTUS  
14 HAWKINS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, I THINK SHE WAS  
15 PRESENT THERE. AND JAMES SYDELL, DR. JAMES SYDELL, A  
16 RESEARCHER WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 25TH AT THE AGE OF 60. DR.  
17 SYDELL PERFORMED A PEDIATRIC RESIDENCE AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. FROM  
18 '73 TO '76 AND THEN JOINED THE FACULTY AT HARBOR IN THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE. HE WAS A  
20 PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AT DAVID GEFFIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT  
21 U.C.L.A. AND CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF GENERAL AND EMERGENCY  
22 PEDIATRICS AT HARBOR. DR. SYDELL DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO IMPROVING  
23 MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN AND WAS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE  
24 FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE FIELD OF PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE.  
25 HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING STANDARDS FOR PEDIATRIC



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1 RESUSCITATION AND FOUNDED THE CHILDHOOD INJURY PREVENTION  
2 CENTER ON HARBOR-U.C.L.A. CAMPUS. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS  
3 FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDING THE  
4 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN NATIONAL HERO AWARD  
5 FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH  
6 BUREAU AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.  
7 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ESTER SYDELL. SO ORDERED. I'D  
8 LIKE TO CALL UP FIRST -- THE FIRST ITEM ON THERE THAT WAS  
9 BEING HELD BY SOMEONE.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** ABOUT ITEM 10.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S ITEM NUMBER 3, AND THIS WAS BEING HELD  
14 FOR TONY BRAVO AND MICHAEL JEFFRIES. WOULD THEY PLEASE COME  
15 FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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17 **TONY BRAVO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TONY BRAVO, I AM THE  
18 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. CHAPTER OF LOCAL 535.

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20 **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL JEFFRIES, I'M VICE  
21 PRESIDENT OF BARGAINING UNIT 777 OF LOCAL S.E.I.U. 535.

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23 **TONY BRAVO:** WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION AS  
24 PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHICH AND THE WAY WE'RE READING  
25 THIS -- THE PART THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE PORTION



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1 THAT REQUIRES EVERY SOCIAL WORKER TO ENTER EACH CASE INTO A  
2 COMPUTER DATABASE. TO US, THAT REPRESENTS A HUMONGOUS WORKLOAD  
3 FOR EVERY SOCIAL WORKER TO BE DIVERTED FROM THE DUTIES THAT  
4 THEY WERE HIRED TO DO, AND THAT IS PROTECT CHILDREN, TO IN  
5 ESSENCE BECOME DATA ENTRY CLERKS. WE FEEL THAT THIS WOULD BE A  
6 -- IF THE GOAL HERE IS TO REDUCE LIABILITY FOR THE COUNTY,  
7 THEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE WORKERS VISITING CHILDREN, HOW ARE THEY  
8 TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BECAUSE THEY'RE SITTING BEHIND A  
9 COMPUTER WRITING ABOUT WHAT THEY SAW, AND I THINK WE DO HAVE  
10 ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS TO MAKE, AND I'LL LET MIKE JEFFRIES  
11 SPEAK TO THAT.

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13 **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THE INFORMATION  
14 THAT THE BOARD SEEKS SHOULD BE IN THE DATABASE IN A TIMELY  
15 FASHION. OUR CONCERN IS THAT WITH -- GIVEN THE WORKLOADS THAT  
16 THE SOCIAL WORKERS CURRENTLY HAVE, THE REQUIREMENT OF THEM  
17 PERSONALLY PUTTING IT IN THE COMPUTER CAN BECOME PROBLEMATIC  
18 IN TERMS OF GETTING THE WORKLOAD DONE.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR I CAN'T HEAR AT ALL.

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22 **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** PARDON ME?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

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1   **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** I'M SORRY. IS THAT BETTER? WE'RE CONCERNED  
2   THAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS, BECAUSE OF THE WORKLOAD THAT THEY  
3   PRESENTLY HAVE, THE -- BY RESTRICTING THEM TO HAVING TO PUT IT  
4   IN PERSONALLY, END UP CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR THEM GETTING  
5   IN FRONT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND WHAT HAVE YOU. THERE'S  
6   NO QUESTION THAT THE INFORMATION HAS TO BE IN THE COMPUTER.  
7   THAT IS NOT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THE QUESTION IS HOW IT  
8   GETS IN THE COMPUTER. AND --

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT YOU THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE SECRETARIES OR  
11   SOMETHING?

12

13   **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE SECRETARIES? IS THAT  
16   HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE?

17

18   **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** NO. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE CLERICAL SUPPORT.  
19   I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE -- THERE'S A -- CURRENTLY THE -- OUR  
20   I.T.S. LEO YU IS WORKING ON P.D.A.'S THAT WE COULD USE TO  
21   CAPTURE INFORMATION IN THE FIELD, BUT, YOU KNOW, TO MAKE IT  
22   MANDATORY THAT IT'S A SOCIAL WORKER AT THIS POINT IN TIME  
23   ABSENCE SOME OTHER WORKLOAD RELIEF IS NOT IN THE COUNTY'S BEST  
24   INTERESTS. I THINK LONG-TERM, IF IT NEEDS TO BE THE SOCIAL  
25   WORKER, THEN THAT WOULD BE FINE, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO BE



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1 ABLE TO MOVE THE WORKLOAD DYNAMICS TO THE POINT WHERE SOCIAL  
2 WORKERS CAN FOCUS ON THE SOCIAL WORK THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE  
3 DOING, BECAUSE MUCH OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS TASKS THAT ARE  
4 MECHANICAL THAT SOMEBODY ELSE COULD BE DOING. SO I JUST  
5 ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THIS IS TO REPORT BACK, IT'S NOT --

8

9 **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** OKAY. WELL, WE WEREN'T SURE ABOUT THE  
10 WORDING AND WE JUST DIDN'T WANT IT -- REQUIREMENT THAT IT BE  
11 THE SOCIAL WORKER THAT HAS TO DO IT AT THIS PARTICULAR  
12 JUNCTURE. SO MAYBE WE MISUNDERSTOOD.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, IT'S INTENDED TO -- WE NEED A PROCESS AND A  
15 TIME FRAME. THIS HAS TO BE DONE, THEY SHOULD BE MANDATED TO  
16 TYPE ALL OF THIS IN. ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE LOSING CHILDREN  
17 IS BECAUSE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOT KEEPING EFFECTIVE RECORDS.  
18 IT IS A CONSTANT PROBLEM. THERE ISN'T A PLAN OF CARE IN ONE  
19 PLACE, IN ONE LOCATION, AND WE NEED TO END THIS. THESE  
20 CHILDREN ARE OUR WARDS, THEY'RE OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE ENTRUST  
21 THE WORK TO SOCIAL WORKERS, AND THIS IS WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE  
22 DONE. YOU WILL BE WRITING IT TWICE. IF YOU NEED TO WRITE IT  
23 DOWN FOR A CLERICAL TO TYPE IT, YOU MIGHT AS WELL PUT IT IN  
24 THE COMPUTER YOURSELF.

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1   **TONY BRAVO:** WELL, NO DOUBT THAT WE DO HAVE SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS,  
2   BUT WE DO -- WE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT  
3   ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS WITH THE TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE. WE HAVE NOW  
4   WHAT WE CALL PALM PILOTS. I MEAN, THESE THINGS ARE USEFUL IN  
5   THE FIELD. A WORKER CAN, IN ESSENCE, SIT THERE AND TYPE THE  
6   NOTES INTO THIS, COME BACK TO THE COMPUTER, PUSH A BUTTON, AND  
7   IT'S IN THERE, RATHER THAN WRITING THE CASE NOTES, WHICH WE  
8   HAVE TO DO ANYWAY, THEN COME BACK, AND, FROM THEIR NOTES, TYPE  
9   IT INTO THE COMPUTER.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, GOOD. THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.

12

13   **TONY BRAVO:** BUT I MEAN THOSE ARE SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS THAT I MEAN  
14   WE NEED TO LOOK AT INSTEAD OF -- THE WAY WE'RE READING THIS IS  
15   A WORKER WOULD GO OUT TO THE FIELD, THEN COME BACK TO THEIR  
16   DESK, SIT BEHIND THE COMPUTER, TURN THE COMPUTER ON AND SIT  
17   THERE AND START TYPING AWAY, AND TO US, AS WE SAY, THAT'S A  
18   HUMONGOUS WORKLOAD, AND IT TAKES AWAY FROM WHAT THEY WERE  
19   HIRED TO DO AND THAT IS PROTECT CHILDREN.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT ISN'T HAPPENING, EVERY  
22   TIME WE LOOK AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO SOME OF THESE CHILDREN, WE  
23   CAN'T FIND OUT, WE LOSE THEM, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE REPORTS  
24   ARE. WE'RE LOSING IN COURT AS WELL BECAUSE THE REPORTS ARE NOT  
25   COMPLETE.



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2 **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** WITH RESPECT, SUPERVISOR, IF WE WERE STAFFED  
3 CLERICALLY, I THINK WE HAVE HALF THE CLERICAL STAFF AT THE  
4 MOMENT. I DON'T -- I MEAN, THE P.H.N.'S ARE PUTTING IN THE  
5 MEDICAL AND THE DENTAL, I DON'T --

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'LL NEVER SELL ME ON THAT ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
10 IS SUGGESTING AND WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING YOURSELF ARE REALLY  
11 THE COST OF ALMOST ONE WEEK OF THE CLERICAL STAFF, YOU COULD  
12 GET THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY SO YOU COULD SEND IN YOUR REPORT  
13 AND ELECTRONICALLY AND HAVE IT IN THE SYSTEM.

14

15 **MICHAEL JEFFRIES:** I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTOOD.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S MOVED  
18 BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
19 ITEM 10 IS BEING HELD FOR PETER BAXTER.

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21 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
22 MISS HARPER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER,  
23 AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT  
24 THE PROPOSAL TO NAME PATRIOTIC HALL TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE  
25 LATE MR. BOB HOPE INEVITABLY IN SO DOING RECALLS THE



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1    SIGNIFICANT FACT THAT MR. HOPE, IN ENTERTAINING MEMBERS OF THE  
2    ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES IN VIETNAM, DERIDED THE  
3    CITIZENS WHO WERE PUBLICLY PROTESTING THAT WAR IN VIETNAM. A  
4    VETERANS ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR IN  
5    VIETNAM, WOULD PERHAPS OPPOSE THE NAMING OF PATRIOTIC HALL FOR  
6    THE LATE MR. HOPE, SINCE HE PUBLICLY DERIDED THESE PUBLIC  
7    PROTESTS IN OPPOSITION TO THAT WAR, THAT VETERANS ORGANIZATION  
8    WOULD LIKELY CONSIDER THE NAME OF MISS JANE FONDA TO GRACE  
9    PATRIOTIC HALL IF PATRIOTIC HALL IS TO BE NAMED. THE HALL OF  
10   ADMINISTRATION IN WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY MEETING IS NAMED IN  
11   MEMORY OF A FORMER COUNTY SUPERVISOR WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THIS  
12   BOARD WHEN THIS BOARD VOTED TO SUPPORT THE THEN HIGHLY  
13   CONTROVERSIAL WAR IN VIETNAM. THE WAR IN VIETNAM WAS A  
14   PRESIDENTIAL WAR TO BE DISTINGUISHED FROM A WAR WHICH HAD THE  
15   FULL SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. BY NAMING  
16   PATRIOTIC HALL FOR THE LATE MR. HOPE, YOU ARE EXCLUDING MISS  
17   JANE FONDA FROM CONSIDERATION. IT IS MY RESPECTFUL POSITION  
18   THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF MISS JANE FONDA HAS YET TO BE  
19   RECOGNIZED BY YOUR HONORABLE BOARD. NAMING PATRIOTIC HALL THE  
20   JANE FONDA PATRIOTIC HALL WOULD BE A LONG OVERDUE RECOGNITION  
21   OF MISS FONDA'S SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF THESE UNITED STATES  
22   ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I THANK YOU, MADAM  
23   CHAIR.  
24



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M NOT GOING TO HONOR THAT COMMENT,  
2    BUT WOULD MOVE THE ITEM, PLEASE.

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SECOND IT AND ALSO SAY THAT BOB HOPE'S  
5    LIFE WAS ONE OF DEDICATION TO THIS COUNTRY AND TO THE CAUSE OF  
6    FREEDOM. HE CAME HERE, BECAME A NATURALIZED CITIZEN, FROM HIS  
7    BIRTH PLACE IN GREAT BRITAIN AND FROM WORLD WAR II TO THE  
8    GULF, VISITED ALL OF THE VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO GIVE  
9    THEM HOPE, AND GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THEY  
10   WERE AMERICANS AND THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR THE AMERICAN WAY.  
11   AND I'M SURE PERHAPS NORTH VIETNAM ONE DAY WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO  
12   JANE FONDA FOR WHAT SHE WAS ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE, BUT THIS IS  
13   FOR BOB HOPE AND FOR PATRIOTIC HALL.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
16   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 23  
17   WHICH THERE WAS A REQUEST TO CONTINUE IT, BUT THERE WERE SOME  
18   PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO SPEAK FIRST. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL? AND THEN  
19   WE'LL ASK CHRIS EDWARDS AND HUGO PACHECO TO SPEAK. I'M SORRY.  
20   I MISSED SOMEONE. CHRIS EDWARDS, STEPHEN SARINANA- LAMPSON,  
21   AND THEN HUGO PACHECO.

22

23   **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU  
24   KNOW, I HATE TO HAVE TO COME BACK HERE ALL THE TIME, BUT I  
25   GUESS, YOU KNOW, THAT'S MY PLEASURE ON TUESDAY MORNING. FIRST



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1 OF ALL, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, TO PUSH  
2 BACK THAT ITEM TO GO BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. I THINK AT LEAST  
3 YOU ARE SHOWING SOME AWARENESS THAT SOMETHING IS FISHY. AS  
4 USUAL, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT RENEWING A CONTRACT OVER AND OVER  
5 AGAIN, AND ESPECIALLY FOR A NONPERFORMING AGENCY. WHEN I LOOK  
6 AT ALTA-MED AND I LOOK AT THE NUMBERS THEY REQUEST FOR  
7 FUNDING, I MUST SAY I AM APPALLED. YOU KNOW, 15,000 A YEAR FOR  
8 LOBBYING? EXCUSE ME. 15,000 FOR TRAVEL? EXCUSE ME. ALSO, UNDER  
9 THE UMBRELLA OF ALTA-MED, YOU HAVE THE WALL, THE LOS MEMORIAL  
10 WALL, EVEN BEFORE THAT SAID ORGANIZATION WHO HAVE BEEN  
11 NONPERFORMING, AND I TODAY GAVE YOU, AND I WANT IT FOR THE  
12 RECORD SO YOU CANNOT SAY YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT, IS THE REVIEW  
13 OF THE PERFORMANCE OF LOS MEMORIAL WALL, SHOWING 35 NEGATIVE  
14 FINDINGS. EVEN IF THERE'S A FINDING IN 2002, YOU RENEW  
15 CONTRACT FOR THAT ORGANIZATION, THAT CAN NO LONGER HAPPEN. IT  
16 HAPPENED HERE ON THE -- ON DAILY BASIS, YOU ARE RENEWING  
17 CONTRACT FOR NONPERFORMING AGENCY. THIS IS NOT YOUR MONEY TO  
18 DISPERSE. IT IS THE PEOPLE'S MONEY. AND I REALLY WILL ASK YOU  
19 TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE DILIGENCE WHEN YOU RENEW CONTRACT. THOSE  
20 THREE CONTRACTS, BIENA STAR, ALTA- MED, AND THE WALL, SHOULD  
21 NOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL SEVERE CONSIDERATION IS MADE TO THOSE  
22 EXPENSES. AND I, YOU KNOW, I PROBABLY WON'T BE HERE NEXT WEEK,  
23 BUT EVEN IF I AM HERE, I WANTED TO SPEAK TO TODAY SO YOU COULD  
24 LOOK MORE IN DETAIL AND NOT JUST GIVE IT THE CUSTOMARY, YOU  
25 KNOW, BRUSH-OVER THAT "OH, WE LOOKED AT IT," BECAUSE IF YOU



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1 LOOK AT IT, IS NO WAY YOU CAN RENEW THOSE CONTRACT, AND I'M  
2 REQUESTING THAT NONE OF THOSE CONTRACT ARE RENEWED UNTIL  
3 SEVERE CORRECTION ARE MADE. AND MAYBE, YOU KNOW, NOW YOU WILL  
4 LISTEN SOME TIME TO (UNINTELLIGIBLE) BUT LAST WEEK, YOU HAD  
5 DENIED THEM COME ABOUT THE MONEY ON THE D.H.S., AND ALL OF A  
6 SUDDEN, MILLION BEING FOUND. FOR MONTHS, I TOLD YOU WE WERE  
7 GIVEN FIGURE THAT DID NOT MAKE SENSE, AND NO DECISION TO  
8 CURTAIL SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NUMBER YOU HAD, AND NOBODY  
9 LISTENED. SO, PLEASE, LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTS AND DO NOT RENEW  
10 CONTRACT WHICH SHOULD NOT BE RENEWED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
11 ATTENTION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CHRIS EDWARDS?

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15 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** YES. MY NAME IS CHRIS EDWARDS. FIRST OF ALL, I  
16 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS BACK TO THE OFFICE OF  
17 A.I.D.S. FOR REVIEW, AND IT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED WITH A BIG  
18 "R." I COME FROM A BACKGROUND, HAVE WORKED IN NOT-FOR-PROFITS  
19 FROM THE AGE OF 18 TO OVER 30. SO, MANY YEARS. LOOKING AT THIS  
20 GRANT REQUEST FROM PALMS RESIDENTIAL, WHICH IS WHEN I WAS  
21 GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE AND ALTA-MED, I SEE SOME RED FLAGS.  
22 FOR EXAMPLE, BOTH ORGANIZATIONS ASKS THE COUNTY TASK -- THE  
23 TAXPAYER TO PAY FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP INTO ORGANIZATIONS.  
24 THAT'S THE ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSIBILITY. AND IN THIS CASE,  
25 THEY BOTH ASK FOR MEMBERSHIP TO BE PAID INTO LOBBYING GROUPS,



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1 WHICH IS PROHIBITED WITH FEDERAL FUNDS, AND I DO BELIEVE IT'S  
2 ALSO PROHIBITED WITH COUNTY AND STATE FUNDS, BUT NOT ONLY DO  
3 THEY ASK FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TO BE PAID, THEY ALSO ASK US TO  
4 PAY FOR THEIR TRAVEL TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. AGAIN, THAT'S A  
5 BURDEN THAT SHOULD BE PAID, BURDEN BY THE ORGANIZATION, NOT BY  
6 THE TAXPAYER. THIS MONEY NEEDS TO BE USED FOR SERVICES, NOT  
7 THAT LONG AGO, ANTELOPE VALLEY COULD NOT OPEN THEIR FOOD BANKS  
8 FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. BECAUSE OF A LACK  
9 OF FUNDING. I WONDER IF \$20,000 WOULD HAVE HELPED INSTEAD OF  
10 PAYING MEMBERSHIP INTO A.I.D.S. ACTION OR SHACK, BOTH OF WHICH  
11 ARE LOBBYING GROUPS. I'M ALSO CONCERNED, IN PARTICULAR ABOUT  
12 ALTA-MED, THE WAY THEY'VE DONE THEIR BUDGET REQUEST, THEY ASK  
13 FOR US TO PAY -- THEY HAVE IN LINE FOR RENT. OKAY? SO WE'RE  
14 HAVING THEM PAY RENT, BUT THEY OWN THIS -- YOU SHOULD SEE THE  
15 BUILDING AT THE CITADEL. QUITE NICE. AND I'M SURE THEY HAVE  
16 THAT RENTAL SPACE. THAT SHOULD BE UNDER INDIRECT COST, WHICH  
17 THEY ALSO ASK FOR. I BELIEVE THAT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED.  
18 THEY ASK FOR US TO PAY FOR SOMETHING LIKE MICROSOFT OFFICE. I  
19 CAN PRETTY MUCH GUESS THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE THAT ON THEIR  
20 COMPUTERS. AGAIN, THAT SHOULD BE UNDER INDIRECT COSTS, NOT A  
21 SEPARATE LINE ITEM. WHAT I SEE HERE IS DOUBLE DIPPING.  
22 LEARNING HOW TO GET THE MILK TWICE, AND THAT MONEY IS BETTER  
23 USED FOR SERVICE. I REALLY DO -- YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THESE  
24 NUMBERS CAREFULLY AND YOU NEED TO GET THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU  
25 APPROVE CONTRACTS AND READ AND REVIEW IT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STEPHEN SARINANA- LAMPSON AND HUGO PACHECO  
3 PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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5 **STEPHEN SARINANA-LAMPSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEPHEN  
6 SARINANA-LAMPSON AND, YOU KNOW, WITHIN THIS FUNDING REQUEST OF  
7 THIS ITEM I'D LIKE TO CALL INTO QUESTION THE APPROPRIATENESS  
8 OF INCLUDING A SUBCONTRACT OPPORTUNITY FOR A WEEK OF  
9 REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER. THIS \$10,000 THREE TIMES OVER THREE  
10 YEAR A WEEK OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER IS TO FACILITATED BY THE  
11 LOS MEMORIAS NONPROFIT, A GROUP THAT'S CURRENTLY UNDER  
12 INVESTIGATION AS AN AUDIT -- UNDER AN AUDIT BY THE L.A. CITY  
13 ATTORNEY. I QUESTION WHETHER THIS ORGANIZATION IS  
14 APPROPRIATELY TRAINED TO FACILITATE THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY.  
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **HUGO PACHECO:** I COME WITH THE SAME CONCERN. I'VE VOLUNTEERED  
20 FOR OVER 7 YEARS AT THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL AS A DETENTION  
21 MINISTER. I'VE SEEN PEOPLE THAT REALLY, REALLY NEED A LOT OF  
22 HELP, AND I QUESTION HOW WE CAN SPEND THIS KIND OF MONEY ON A  
23 WHOLE WEEK OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE FOR VICTIMS OF A.I.D.S.  
24 NOW, THE WALL, LAS MEMORIAS ORGANIZATION, LIKE STEVE SAYS, IS  
25 UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE CITY. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE COUNTY



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1 WOULD DO THE SAME. WITH THE CITY HAVING GIVEN OVER A MILLION  
2 DOLLARS AND THE COUNTY, OVER \$300,000 TO THIS ORGANIZATION,  
3 NOW UNDER DIFFERENT ITEMS, WE FIND THEM ONCE AGAIN GOING IN  
4 THERE AND TRYING TO GET MORE MONEY. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
5 RECORD. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK IT'S JUST BEING REFERRED BACK.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, IT GETS REFERRED BACK.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, IT'S REFERRED BACK TO THE  
14 DEPARTMENT, YES. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 65 FOR  
15 REPORT BY HOUSING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ITEM'S THAT?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S 65. [ MIXED VOICES ]

20

21 **FRED BENNETT:** GOOD MORNING. FRED BENNETT ON BEHALF OF THE  
22 SUPERIOR COURT, AND I HAVE WITH ME SERGEANT STEVE MILLER FROM  
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND BOBBETT GLOVER FROM THE HOUSING  
24 AUTHORITY. AND BEFORE RESPONDING TO A FEW QUESTIONS, IF I CAN  
25 MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE



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1 BOARD FOR PRESENTING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT A PROGRAM  
2 THAT REALLY HAS NOT BEEN LOOKED AT CLOSELY FOR PROBABLY A  
3 DECADE, AND TO LOOK AT IT IN TERMS OF NOT THE 25 SEPARATE  
4 MUNICIPAL COURTS THAT USED TO OPERATE IT, BUT NOW AS A  
5 INTEGRATED PROGRAM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, WHERE THE SUPERIOR  
6 COURT IS OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE  
7 CROWL COURT FUNDING ACT. WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME VERY EXCELLENT  
8 INPUT FROM ALL OF THE AGENCIES THAT YOU BROUGHT TOGETHER AND  
9 WERE PUTTING TOGETHER A PROGRAM THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY  
10 FUNDED AND HAVE THE TOOLS TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN  
11 THE BOARD. I'D BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? YES, SUPERVISOR  
14 ANTONOVICH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BOARD WILL REMEMBER THIS IS THE CASE  
17 WHERE WE FOUND THERE WERE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN  
18 THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS WHERE UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATORS REPORTED  
19 AND ACTUALLY VIDEOED TRAFFIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL TAKING BRIBES  
20 FOR TAKING COURT-REQUIRED TRAFFIC PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE  
21 SOMEONE'S DRIVING ABILITY AND PREVENT THEM FROM BEING A DANGER  
22 TO OTHERS ON THE HIGHWAY. THE QUESTION TO THE COURT IS, HOW  
23 WILL YOU BE INTEGRATING THE FUNCTIONS OF EACH OF THE  
24 DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER NOW?

25



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1   **FRED BENNETT:** HISTORICALLY, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS PROVIDED  
2   BUSINESS LICENSE SORT OF INVESTIGATION, MAKING SURE THAT THE  
3   FACILITIES MET THE STATE REGULATIONS, THAT THE CRITERIA IN  
4   TEACHING, MET THOSE REGULATIONS, AND WE DID NOT REALLY HAVE A  
5   LAW ENFORCEMENT ELEMENT THAT COULD PROVIDE UNDERCOVER OR THE  
6   SPECIAL EXPERTISE OF PEACE OFFICERS. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE  
7   DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHO HAD DONE SOME EFFECTIVE STINGS IN A  
8   LIMITED SORT OF WAY, WE DECIDED, AND I BELIEVE AT YOUR  
9   SUGGESTION AS WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE ASKED THE SHERIFF'S  
10   DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE US A PROPOSAL AS TO HOW THEY COULD  
11   INTEGRATE WITH, AND BECOME A TEAM PLAYER WITH THE HOUSING  
12   AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THIS KIND OF UNDERCOVER STING AND THE  
13   SPECIAL EXPERTISE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE'RE STILL PUTTING  
14   TOGETHER THE FINAL WORK STATEMENTS, BUT WE CONTEMPLATE MOVING  
15   SOME DEDICATED STAFF RIGHT INTO THE SAME LOCATION WITH THE  
16   HOUSING AUTHORITY INDIVIDUALS TO WORK AS A TEAM, BOTH IN  
17   FOLLOWING UP WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVE, BUT AS  
18   WELL CONDUCTING A RANDOM UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS USING FAKE  
19   CITATION NUMBERS SO THAT NOT ONLY WOULD IT BE A DETERRENT TO  
20   MINIMIZE THE RISK OF FRAUD BUT MAY ASSIST US IN DISCOVERING IT  
21   AND SERGEANT MILLER PERHAPS CAN PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL  
22   INFORMATION, IF YOU'D LIKE MORE DETAIL.  
23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE. OKAY. TO THE SHERIFF THEN WHAT HAPPENS  
2   WHEN A TRAFFIC SCHOOL IS FOUND COMMITTING FRAUD? WHAT WOULD BE  
3   THE PROTOCOL?

4

5   **STEVE MILLER:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WHAT WE ANTICIPATE WITH ANY OF  
6   OUR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS IS THAT THE STAFF THAT IS  
7   DEDICATED TO THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM ARE GOING TO BE FULL-TIME  
8   FORGERY FRAUD INVESTIGATORS. IT WILL WORK UP THE CASE, WHETHER  
9   IT BE THROUGH THEIR OWN WORK PRODUCT, OR THE USE OF DECOYS,  
10   AND EVENTUALLY TAKE THE CASE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
11   AND PRESENT IT FOR FILING.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN YOU'LL BE HOUSED IN THE HOUSING  
14   AUTHORITY FACILITIES?

15

16   **STEVE MILLER:** YES, SIR. WHAT THE PROPOSAL IS IS THAT WE WOULD  
17   BE CO-LOCATED WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, BECAUSE THERE'S THE  
18   NON-CRIMINAL ASPECTS THAT THEY PRETTY MUCH HAVE BEEN PURSUING  
19   SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. BY BEING CO-  
20   LOCATED WITH THEM, IT WOULD BE A SAVINGS OF A COUNTY RESOURCE,  
21   WOULD ALLOW THE INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION BACK AND FORTH, SO  
22   NOT ONLY WILL THEY BE DEVELOPING INFORMATION, THE SHERIFF'S  
23   DEPARTMENT AS WELL, OUR INVESTIGATORS WILL BE DEVELOPING  
24   INFORMATION AND WORKING UP THE CASE.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE -- HOW WILL THIS -- THROUGH THE  
2   HOUSING AUTHORITY CHANGE THE METHOD OF OPERATION THAT YOU HAVE  
3   PREVIOUSLY BEEN OPERATING WITH?

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5   **BOBBETT GLOVER:** SUPERVISOR, THE COURT, UNDER THE NEW FEE, THE  
6   INCREASE IN THE FEE WILL PROVIDE US WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING  
7   THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO HIRE THREE NEW MONITORS. THE POSITIONS  
8   WERE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD, BUT THERE WAS  
9   INSUFFICIENT FUNDS IN ORDER TO ACTUALLY HIRE THE STAFF. IN  
10   ADDITION, WE WILL HAVE DEDICATED STAFF AT THE SHERIFF'S  
11   DEPARTMENT THAT WE CAN MAKE REFERRALS TO WHEN WE SUSPECT,  
12   THROUGH OUR MONITORING, THAT FRAUD IS TAKING PLACE. IN THE  
13   PAST, WE'VE MADE THOSE REFERRALS TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
14   VEHICLES, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR LOW STAFF NUMBERS, THEY HAVE  
15   NOT FOLLOWED UP ON THEM.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THESE FEES ARE COMPARABLE TO THE OTHER  
18   COUNTIES?

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20   **FRED BENNETT:** YES. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, UP UNTIL 1997, THE  
21   FEE WAS LIMITED TO \$5, WHICH WAS INSUFFICIENT TO REIMBURSE  
22   EITHER THE COURTS OR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ALL OF THE  
23   ACTIVITIES THAT WERE DEVOTED TO THIS EFFORT. MANY -- IN 1997,  
24   THAT LIMITATION WAS LIFTED AND MANY COUNTIES HAVE RAISED THAT



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1 FEE UP TO AS MUCH AS \$20. IN LOS ANGELES, IT HAS NOT BEEN  
2 RAISED FOR ALMOST A DECADE --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS \$5, WASN'T IT?

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6 **FRED BENNETT:** YES. AND SO BY RAISING IT TO 15, WE DON'T KNOW  
7 EXACTLY HOW THAT'S GOING TO WORK OUT AND HOW THAT'S GOING TO  
8 AFFECT VOLUME, BUT IT SHOULD PROVIDE US ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO  
9 DEVOTE TO THIS EFFORT. WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE SOME BENCHMARK  
10 REPORTS AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST  
11 TWO YEARS TO SEE HOW THE CURRENT EFFORT WORKS IN RELATION TO  
12 THE FORMER EFFORT. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO FINE TUNE IT EACH  
13 YEAR, BECAUSE THERE REALLY IS NO OTHER SYSTEM ANYWHERE IN THE  
14 STATE THAT HAS COMBINED THE RESOURCES IN THIS WAY. SO WE'RE  
15 HEADING INTO NEW TERRITORY A BIT. WE HOPE IT WORKS. NOT SURE  
16 EXACTLY IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING OR TOO MUCH  
17 FUNDING, BUT WE'LL FINE TUNE THAT AS WE GO ALONG.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS WE REPORT -- HAVE THIS REPORT RECEIVED IN  
20 FILE, COULD WE HAVE LIKE A SIX-MONTH UPDATE AS TO?

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22 **FRED BENNETT:** THE BEST THING TO DO, THE CONTRACT IS BEING  
23 DRAFTED RIGHT NOW, BUT UNDER THE TERMS AS WE'RE DESIGNING  
24 THEM, WE CONTEMPLATE THAT AT -- WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE END



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1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THAT'LL BE SOME EIGHT MONTHS, I GUESS,  
2 FROM NOW --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

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6 **FRED BENNETT:** THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE THESE  
7 BENCHMARK REPORTS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE APPROPRIATE THING  
8 FOR THEM TO DO IS TO SEND IT ON TO YOU AND TO THE BOARD  
9 MEMBERS, AND IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU'D LIKE TO CONDUCT ANOTHER  
10 REPORT, WE'D BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE THAT FOR YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. I THINK THE COURT'S SUGGESTIONS IS  
13 APPROPRIATE, AND I'D MOVE THAT WE RECEIVE AND FILE AND TAKE  
14 THOSE COMMENTS THAT THE COURT, THE SHERIFF, AND THE HOUSING  
15 AUTHORITY HAVE MADE.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED, AND  
18 THEN WE'LL ASK FOR A REPORT BACK.

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20 **BOBBETT GLOVER:** RIGHT.

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22 **FRED BENNETT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1     **STEVE MILLER:** THANK YOU.

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3     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR DOING THIS.

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5     **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? FOR YOUR  
6     ADJOURNMENTS? [ MIXED VOICES ]

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8     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WERE HOLDING ITEM NUMBER 9. CAN WE TAKE  
9     THAT UP?

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11    **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, MADAM CHAIR, I HELD THAT ITEM AS WELL TOO.

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13    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH ALL RIGHT.

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15    **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK JUST MIKE AND I HELD THE ITEM, ITEM --

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17    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO -- SUPERVISOR  
18    KNABE?

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20    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I MEAN MY COMMENT, I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THE VOTES  
21    ARE THERE BUT I MEAN I THINK FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AT LEAST  
22    WHILE EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED WITH THE BUDGETARY PROCESS AT THIS  
23    PARTICULAR POINT AND SOME EFFORTS TO TRY TO REMEDY THAT  
24    SITUATION, ONE OF MY FRUSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE  
25    PROCESS HAS BEEN GOVERNMENT BY INITIATIVE, AND WHETHER IT'S



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1 BEEN PROP 42 FOR TRANSPORTATION OR THE WATER BOMBS THAT YOU  
2 READ ABOUT IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING, THERE'S ALWAYS THAT  
3 CAVEAT INSIDE THERE THAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN DO DIFFERENT  
4 THINGS, AND WHILE THE 55% MAY NOT BE A BAD PART ON THE BUDGET  
5 PROCESS, I THINK THE TWO-THIRDS PORTION NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED  
6 AS IT RELATES TO INCREASING TAXES, AND WITHOUT THAT IN THERE,  
7 I JUST, YOU KNOW, CANNOT SUPPORT THIS RECOMMENDATION TO  
8 SUPPORT THE INITIATIVES, SO I JUST -- RECORD ME AS A "NO"  
9 VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN JUST SPEAK TO THIS  
12 BRIEFLY. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE ONLY THREE STATES IN THE UNITED  
13 STATES WHICH DON'T HAVE A REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE  
14 LEGISLATURE PASSES A BUDGET. I THINK IT'S ARKANSAS, RHODE  
15 ISLAND, AND CALIFORNIA. I THINK WE HAVE -- WE HAVE SEEN, OVER  
16 THE YEARS, HOW THE TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT -- THE TWO-THIRDS OF  
17 THE LEGISLATURE, JUST TO PASS A BUDGET, HAS HELD NOT ONLY THE  
18 STATE GOVERNMENT HOSTAGE, BUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOSTAGE. IT IS  
19 A COMMON --

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE SOME ORDERS? I DON'T KNOW  
22 WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE MAKING THE NOISE, BUT I HEAR GIGGLES. ALL  
23 RIGHT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE AROUND HERE THAT THE  
2    BUDGET WE APPROVE IN JUNE IS REALLY NOT THE BUDGET, IT'S NOT  
3    THE REAL BUDGET, THAT WE'RE WAITING UNTIL THE STATE ACTS  
4    SOMETIMES IN LATE JUNE, MORE OFTEN IN JULY AND AUGUST, UNTIL  
5    WE FIND OUT WHAT OUR -- WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE OF THE  
6    STATE'S BUDGET FOR COUNTIES AND THE CITIES ARE IN THE SAME  
7    BOAT. I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED CAN CALIFORNIA, SINCE WE HAVE A  
8    SYSTEM WHERE YOU HAVE A LEGISLATURE AND A GOVERNOR, AND THE  
9    GOVERNOR HAS THE RIGHT TO VETO, IN FACT, HE HAS THE RIGHT TO  
10   LINE ITEM VETO ITEMS IN THE BUDGET, WHAT'S THE POINT OF GIVING  
11   THE GOVERNOR A VETO WHICH THEN REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS OVERRIDE  
12   BY THE LEGISLATURE, WHEN IT TAKES TWO-THIRDS IN THE FIRST  
13   PLACE TO GET IT TO THE GOVERNOR? IT'S AN UNNECESSARY PROVISION  
14   IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION THAT GIVES THE GOVERNOR THE RIGHT TO  
15   VETO AND THE LEGISLATURE TO OVERRIDE? WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU SEND  
16   THE GOVERNOR A BUDGET WITH A TWO-THIRDS VOTE. HE THEN VETOES  
17   IT. IT GOES BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE. I DON'T THINK IN MY  
18   LIFETIME THEY'VE EVER EVEN TAKEN A VOTE TO OVERRIDE, LET ALONE  
19   OVERRIDDEN A BUDGET -- A VETO BY THE GOVERNOR. AND IT'S --  
20   IT'S STUPID. IT'S JUST ABSOLUTELY STUPID. YOU HAVE -- THE  
21   REASON FOR A LEGISLATIVE AND AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE REASON  
22   WE HAVE THE SEPARATION OF POWERS IS YOU GIVE THE LEGISLATURE  
23   BY MAJORITY VOTE THE RIGHT TO DO THINGS, THAT'S THE WAY IT'S  
24   DONE IN 47 OUT OF 50 STATES, AND THEN THE GOVERNOR, WHO'S  
25   ELECTED BY ALL OF THE PEOPLE, NOT BY THE PAROCHIAL INTEREST OF



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1 ONE DISTRICT OR ANOTHER, NOT BY HE HAS TO LOOK AT IT AND SHE  
2 HAS TO LOOK AT A BROADER CONSTITUENCY, NOT JUST A --  
3 EXCLUSIVELY A PARTISAN CONSTITUENCY, AND -- OR GEOGRAPHICAL  
4 CONSTITUENCY OR DEMOGRAPHIC CONSTITUENCY, HE LOOKS AT THE  
5 WHOLE THING, AND EVEN IN STATES WHERE YOU HAVE PARTIES THAT  
6 CONTROL BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE SAME PARTY  
7 CONTROLS THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, OFTENTIMES THE GOVERNOR IS A  
8 FAR MORE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE PLAYER IN  
9 THE WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS. I THINK OF HOWARD DEAN OF VERMONT,  
10 TO BRING UP A NAME WHO'S CURRENT ON THE COVER OF EVERY  
11 MAGAZINE IN AMERICA TODAY, HOWARD DEAN'S A DEMOCRAT. THE  
12 LEGISLATURE IN VERMONT'S DEMOCRATIC. BUT HOWARD DEAN VETOED  
13 MORE BIG SPENDING JUNK COMING OUT OF THE VERMONT LEGISLATURE  
14 THAN PROBABLY THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR WOULD HAVE VETOED, AND I  
15 WOULD SAY THAT THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME DEMOCRATS IN THIS  
16 STATE, SENATOR FEINSTEIN, WHEN SHE WAS THE MAYOR OF SAN  
17 FRANCISCO, VETOED MORE STUFF THAN DICK REARDON DID AS MAYOR OF  
18 LOS ANGELES. SO MY POINT IS THAT THIS IS NOT JUST A PARTISAN  
19 ISSUE, IT'S A STRUCTURAL ISSUE, AND WHEN YOU HAVE TWO-THIRDS -  
20 - A TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT FOR A BUDGET, THAT MEANS THAT ONE-  
21 THIRD PLUS ONE, A VERY SMALL MINORITY OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY,  
22 CAN HOLD THE WHOLE STATE HOSTAGE FOR WEEKS AND MONTHS AT A  
23 TIME AS WE SAW JUST THIS YEAR, AND WHAT IS THE END RESULT? THE  
24 END RESULT IS A BUDGET THAT IS HORRIBLE, THAT HAS SWEEPED ALL OF  
25 THE PROBLEMS UNDER THE RUG, DEFERRED ALL THE PROBLEMS TO NEXT



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1 YEAR. PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY HAVE SKATED THIS YEAR, WAIT UNTIL  
2 NEXT YEAR. ALL THEY'VE DONE IS BORROWED PART OF THEIR WAY OUT  
3 OF PART OF THE PROBLEM, NOT EVEN ADDRESSED THE OTHER PART OF  
4 THE PROBLEM, AND IT'S ALL GOING TO BLOW UP ON THEM NEXT YEAR  
5 INSTEAD OF LESS OF A BLOWUP THIS YEAR, AND AS MADAM CHAIR, AS  
6 YOU KNOW, AND AS EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD KNOWS, THE LONGER  
7 YOU WAIT TO DO SO THE DIFFICULT THINGS, THE MORE DIFFICULT THE  
8 THINGS BECOME TO DO. THAT'S AN AXIOM THAT WE HAVE LIVED TO --  
9 LIVED THROUGH TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME, AND SO THAT'S WHY I  
10 SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. I AGREE WITH DON. I DON'T LIKE TO  
11 LEGISLATE BY INITIATIVE. THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM. THERE'S NO  
12 WAY THIS WOULD'VE EVER, EVER GONE THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE. FOR  
13 ONE THING, THE SAME ONE-THIRD PLUS ONE OR ONE-THIRD PLUS TWO  
14 PEOPLE WHO HELD THE STATE BUDGET HOSTAGE FOR THE LAST SEVERAL  
15 MONTHS WOULD NEVER HAVE VOTED, TAKES TWO-THIRDS TO PUT A  
16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT IN THE LEGISLATURE,  
17 WOULD HAVE NEVER GOTTEN THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE, NUMBER ONE.  
18 NUMBER TWO, I BELIEVE THAT IN THIS MEASURE THERE'S A PENALTY  
19 AGAINST THE LEGISLATURE, THEY LOSE THEIR PAY IF THEY DON'T  
20 PASS THEIR BUDGET ON TIME, SO WHAT ODDS DO YOU THINK THERE ARE  
21 THAT THE LEGISLATURE WOULD PUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT ON THE  
22 BALLOT? SO IN THIS ONE INSTANCE, I THINK THE INITIATIVE  
23 PROCESS IS DOING THE RIGHT THING. AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.  
24 IT'S PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. MAJORITY RULES OR TWO-THIRDS  
25 RULES. WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE? 47 OUT OF 50 STATES, INCLUDING



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1 ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI AND SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA AND  
2 TEXAS, DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS, ALL OF THOSE STATES, ALL OF  
3 THOSE VERY LIBERAL, PROGRESSIVE, SOCIALIST STATES, TENNESSEE,  
4 KENTUCKY, IDAHO. IDAHO DOESN'T HAVE A TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT.  
5 THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH THIS INITIATIVE IS THAT IT SETS A  
6 55% THRESHOLD. I THINK IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MAJORITY RULES.  
7 THIS ACTUALLY TAKES IT A LITTLE HIGHER THAN THAT, BUT IT'S  
8 BETTER THAN THE TWO-THIRDS, AND IF YOU'RE TIRED OF BUDGETS  
9 GETTING APPROVED IN AUGUST WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPROVED  
10 IN JUNE, WHEN YOU'RE TIRED OF MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS CLOSING IN  
11 JUNE BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE IMPACT OF THE BUDGET'S  
12 GOING TO BE UNTIL AUGUST, OR HEALTH CLINICS OR ALL THE OTHER  
13 THINGS THAT GET IMPACTED, THEN THIS IS THE WAY TO ADDRESS THAT  
14 PROBLEM. PUT IT UP TO A VOTE, PUT THE BUDGET UP TO A VOTE, LET  
15 THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY. IF IT'S AN IRRESPONSIBLE  
16 BUDGET, YOU HOPEFULLY HAVE A GOVERNOR WHO RESPONDING TO A  
17 LARGER CONSTITUENCY AND A BROADER CONSTITUENCY WILL DO THE  
18 RIGHT THING. AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT'S WORKED. IT'S SERVED  
19 THIS COUNTRY WELL FOR ABOUT 225 YEARS, AND IT'S THE WAY WE DO  
20 IT IN THE CONGRESS, MS. BURKE, I THINK, MAJORITY SENDS IT TO  
21 THE PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT CAN EITHER SIGN IT OR VETO IT,  
22 AND THEN IT TAKES TWO-THIRDS TO OVERRIDE THE VETO. I KIND OF  
23 LIKE THAT SYSTEM THAT OUR FOUNDING FATHERS SET UP, AND TO SET  
24 UP THESE ARTIFICIAL HURDLES THAT NOBODY CAN JUMP WITHOUT  
25 TOTALLY SELLING THE INTEREST OF THE STATE DOWN THE RIVER IS,



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1 TO ME, INEXPLICABLE, SO I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE IN SUPPORT  
2 OF THIS INITIATIVE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** 55% WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN US A BETTER BUDGET THIS  
5 YEAR.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER  
8 WHEN A BUDGET WAS PASSED ON TIME. I MEAN LET'S NOT JUST TALK  
9 ABOUT THIS YEAR. THE BUDGET IS ALWAYS LATE. I MEAN, I DON'T  
10 KNOW WHEN THEY HAD ONE -- I THINK ONE YEAR, WHEN THERE WAS A  
11 BIG SURPLUS, IT WAS EARLY, IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. AND, I DON'T  
12 KNOW, SOMEONE CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE  
13 WAS OVER ONE YEAR. IT ALWAYS GOES OVER. THIS WAS A  
14 PARTICULARLY LONG ONE, NOT THE LONGEST, BUT VERY CLOSE TO ONE  
15 OF THE LONGER TIMES, AND AS FAR AS NEXT YEAR, UNLESS A LOT OF  
16 CHANGES OCCUR IN THIS STATE AND THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT MORE  
17 INCOME TAX, WE'RE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT A \$10-  
18 BILLION DEFICIT; WE PROBABLY ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT  
19 MUCH MORE THAN THAT. REMEMBER LAST YEAR, WE SAID THIS YEAR  
20 WOULD BE 10 BILLION, AND WE SAW WHAT IT EVENTUALLY ADDED UP  
21 TO, SO UNTIL WE GET OUT OF THIS FINANCIAL CRISIS THE STATE IS  
22 IN, WHICH IS A REVENUE CRISIS NO MATTER HOW YOU TRY AND TURN  
23 IT AROUND OR WHATEVER YOU WANT, UNTIL PEOPLE START PAYING  
24 CAPITAL GAINS AND START HAVING SOME OF THOSE OPTIONS AGAIN OR  
25 SOMETHING SO THAT THEY START PAYING MORE INCOME TAX, WE'RE



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1 GOING TO HAVE THESE -- YOU CAN'T WORK WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF  
2 REVENUE. WE SPENT, AND THERE'S NO QUESTION, I DON'T DENY THAT  
3 WE SPEND FOR EDUCATION PARTICULARLY, BUT YOU CAN'T ROLL BACK,  
4 AND THAT'S -- WE PASS -- THAT WAS ON THE BALLOT, PROP 98, SO  
5 YOU CAN'T ROLL THESE THINGS BACK, ONCE YOU SPEND MONEY FOR  
6 EDUCATION, WHICH WE NEEDED TO DO, BUT IT'S AWFULLY HARD TO GET  
7 IT BACK, YOU HAVE TO USE ALL KIND OF SUBTERFUGE TO TRY TO  
8 REDUCE THAT SPENDING THAT TOOK PLACE WHEN WE HAD A LOT OF  
9 MONEY. UNFORTUNATELY WE DIDN'T GET IT IN HEALTH BUT WE GOT IT  
10 IN EDUCATION, WHERE WE DON'T HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY. SO IT'S A  
11 TOUGH SITUATION IN CALIFORNIA IN TERMS OF OUR BUDGET. THERE  
12 ARE A LOT OF THESE PROPOSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE REVISED AND TO  
13 BE LOOKED AT. SO I'M SUPPORTING THIS. ROLL CALL.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST COMMENT --

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM, AND YOU GO BACK TO THE  
20 BEGINNING, FROM THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WHO HAPPENS TO BE  
21 THE JUSTICE WHOSE NAME IS THE SCHOOL I GRADUATED FROM, JOHN  
22 MARSHAL, AND HE SAID THE POWER TO TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY,  
23 AND THAT'S WHY THEY MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO INCREASE TAXES. WE  
24 LOOK AT CALIFORNIA TODAY. WE HAVE -- WE FOUND IN THE LAST  
25 SITUATION THAT, YOU KNOW, THE STATES GENERATED ABOUT 25, 27



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1 MILLION -- BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW REVENUES, BUT OUR SPENDING  
2 HAS OUTPACED THE NEW REVENUES THAT WE HAVE GENERATED, AND THE  
3 PROBLEM HAS BEEN SPENDING MORE, AND SO WE HAD A BUDGET  
4 DILEMMA. CALIFORNIA, WE ARE LOSING JOBS. WELLS FARGO HAS JUST  
5 SENT 1300 JOBS FROM CALIFORNIA TO DES MOINES, IOWA. COUNTRY-  
6 WIDE, ALONG WITH BUILDING A NEW FACILITY IN SCOTTSDALE,  
7 ARIZONA, IS NOW EXPLORING MOVING TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS. WE HAD  
8 THE SITUATION OF DISNEY WITH LOSING A HUNDRED JOBS IN THEIR  
9 ANNOUNCEMENT IN JUNE, TOP MANAGEMENT AND RETAIL PERSONNEL FROM  
10 OUR REGION, FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ABOUT EVERY  
11 WEEK WE GET NEW LETTERS FROM BUSINESSES THAT ARE RELOCATING TO  
12 OTHER JURISDICTIONS. "U.S.A. TODAY" DID A POLL HOW THE 50  
13 STATES RANK IN TAXING AND SPENDING WISELY. NUMBER ZERO, NUMBER  
14 50, HAPPENED TO BE CALIFORNIA. WE RANK AT THE BOTTOM IN TAXING  
15 AND SPENDING WISELY. YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE THE L.A.  
16 COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DID A SURVEY OF ALL  
17 THE BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF  
18 CALIFORNIA, AND WHAT DID THEY FIND? TAXES AND REGULATIONS WERE  
19 THE TWO REASONS WHY BUSINESSES WERE NOT CREATING NEW JOBS AND  
20 WHY THOSE THAT WERE HERE WERE LEAVING OUR STATE. SO WHAT YOU  
21 HAVE IS A SITUATION IF WE HAD ELIMINATED THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE  
22 TO PASS A BUDGET, WE WOULD THEN HAVE HAD A FOUR-BILLION-DOLLAR  
23 ADDITIONAL SPENDING PROGRAM WITH 140 NEW TAXES BEING LEVIED ON  
24 CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS TODAY. AND WITH THE HIGHEST, YOU KNOW,  
25 TAXES IN THE NATION, CALIFORNIA'S TAX BURDEN IS ALREADY



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1 DRIVING OUR JOBS OUT OF STATE. SO IT'S OVERSPENDING, AND  
2 THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TO BE VERY, VERY CAREFUL IN MAKING IT  
3 EASIER TO PASS BUDGETS. SO IN A WAY, IT'S KIND OF LIKE THIS  
4 PROPOSAL IS A LITTLE LIKE COTTON CANDY, THERE'S A LOT OF FLUFF  
5 AND A LOT OF SWEETNESS, BUT THERE'S NO SUBSTANCE WHEN IT COMES  
6 TO CONTROLLING SPENDING AND MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO  
7 INCREASE TAXES AND PROVIDING THOSE INCENTIVES TO REFORM THE  
8 SYSTEM. WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS A TWO-YEAR BUDGET, AS MANY  
9 STATES HAVE, A PART-TIME LEGISLATURE, ALONG WITH A OPPORTUNITY  
10 TO REFORM TERM LIMITS WHICH HAVE HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON  
11 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND REFORMING THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
12 STATE REVENUES. THAT MEANS THE SALES TAX INSTEAD OF THE  
13 COUNTIES AND THE CITIES RECEIVING ONE CENT OF THE EXISTING  
14 SALES TAX, WE SHOULD RECEIVE A GREATER SHARE SO WE CAN DO WHAT  
15 IS NECESSARY, ALONG WITH A GREATER SHARE OF OUR OWN PROPERTY  
16 TAXES. WITH THE STATE TAKING OVER A BILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR  
17 OF OUR COUNTY'S PROPERTY TAXES, IT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR  
18 US TO MEET OUR NEEDS. SO A GOOD INITIATIVE WOULD INCLUDE A  
19 PART-TIME LEGISLATURE, A TWO-YEAR BUDGET, AND A RETURNING OF  
20 THESE REVENUES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BE SPENT ON LOCAL NEEDS  
21 INSTEAD OF BEING SENT TO SACRAMENTO AND SPENT FOR PROGRAMS  
22 THAT DON'T BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR, I DIDN'T GET THE SECOND,  
2 WHO MADE THE SECOND?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I SECONDED IT.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ON AGENDA NUMBER 9, SUPERVISOR  
7 MOLINA?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION DULY CARRIES WITH SUPERVISOR  
3 KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTING "NO."

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHO HAS -- SUPERVISOR KNABE YOU HAVE NOT  
6 DONE YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, NOR HAS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A NUMBER OF  
9 ADJOURNMENTS, UNFORTUNATELY, TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, I KNOW THAT  
10 THIS DEPUTY WAS IN MIKE'S AREA AND HE'LL PROBABLY HAVE A  
11 FORMAL ADJOURNMENT, AND I'M SURE WE'LL ALL BE A PART OF IT,  
12 BUT TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY STEPHEN SORENSEN WHO DIED  
13 IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON AUGUST 2ND. I FIRST GOT TO KNOW DEPUTY  
14 SORENSEN AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15 LIFEGUARDS THROUGH HIS SOUTH BAY DAYS AND A 12-YEAR VETERAN  
16 AND NOW IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE GREW UP IN MANHATTAN  
17 BEACH AND HE HAD A DEEP LOVE OF THE SAND AND SURF, AND AS WE  
18 ALL KNOW, HE WAS TRAGICALLY SHOT ON SATURDAY WHILE RESPONDING  
19 TO A TRESPASSING CALL ON HIS DAY OFF. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
20 WIFE, ADULT SON, AND A YOUNG DAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
21 MEMORY OF DEPUTY MICHAEL TOLLMAN, WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN A  
22 WATER-SKIING ACCIDENT WHILE ON VACATION WITH HIS CHURCH GROUP.  
23 HE WAS 44 YEARS OLD, HE WAS A RESIDENT OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA,  
24 HE'S STATIONED OUT OF THE INDUSTRY SHERIFF'S STATION EAST SAN  
25 GABRIEL VALLEY. THROUGHOUT HIS 20-YEAR CAREER DEPUTY TOLLMAN



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1 HARBORED A KEEN INTEREST IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY  
2 AT-RISK YOUTH. HIS EFFORTS COULD BE SEEN THROUGH HIS  
3 INVOLVEMENT WITH THE EXPLORER SCOUTS, CAMP COURAGE, A PROGRAM  
4 WHICH INTRODUCES AT-RISK YOUTH TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS. DEPUTY  
5 TOLLMAN WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL THE CHILDREN HE SERVED  
6 AND BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS AT THE INDUSTRY STATION AND  
7 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
8 HIS WIFE, JULIE, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, MICHAEL, KRISTA AND  
9 LINDSEY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A LONG-TIME FRIEND  
10 OF MINE AND MONSIGNOR JOHN TOMBY PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS  
11 BORN IN CORK ISLAND, ORDAINED IN THE PRIESTHOOD ON JUNE 16TH,  
12 1963. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AS A NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST.  
13 HIS FIRST APPOINTMENT WAS AT SAINT ELIZABETH IN VAN NUYS.  
14 AFTER SERVING IN VARIOUS PARISHES HE SERVED AS ASSOCIATE  
15 PASTOR OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF ARTESIA, WHERE I  
16 GOT TO KNOW HIM QUITE WELL. AND BEFORE BEING APPOINTMENT THE  
17 PASTOR FOR HOLY FAMILY IN 1992 MONSIGNOR TOMBY WAS APPOINTED  
18 PASTOR OF SAINT BARNABAS PARISH WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HIS  
19 PASSING. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND  
20 CONGREGATION. MONSIGNOR TOMBY DID A LOT OF INVOCATIONS, HE WAS  
21 A GREAT FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE, VERY  
22 COMPASSIONATE, OBVIOUSLY VERY SPIRITUAL, HAD A STORY FOR  
23 EVERYONE WITH A GREAT IRISH BROGUE AND WILL TRULY BE MISSED.  
24 AND OUR BEST TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND THE CONGREGATION.  
25 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NETTIE WALDROP. MRS WALDROP



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1 IS THE MOTHER OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES COUNCILMAN BARBARA  
2 FERRARO. SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER WHERE SHE TAUGHT  
3 REMEDIAL READING AND A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. ALSO THAT  
4 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE ANN DURANT, A 45-YEAR  
5 RESIDENT OF NORWALK WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 31ST. MRS. DORRANT  
6 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND ROBERT, SONS ROBERT, STEPHEN, KEN  
7 AND PETER, DAUGHTERS, KAREN, WHO WORKS FOR OUR LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND JACQUELINE. SHE WILL BE SORELY  
9 MISSED BY ALL THOSE THAT KNEW HER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
10 MEMORY OF ROBERTA CORDICH, WHO WAS A TEACHER AT THE PALOS  
11 VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL AND HEAD COACH OF THE ACADEMIC  
12 DECATHLON TEAM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH YOU'VE HAD DOWN HERE  
13 ON MANY OCCASIONS. VERY SUDDEN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
14 HUSBAND, TONY, AND SON, ANTHONY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
15 MEMORY OF DR. JAMES SYDELL, A LONG-TIME HARBOR-U.C.L.A.  
16 MEDICAL CENTER PHYSICIAN WHO SPECIALIZED IN PEDIATRIC  
17 EMERGENCY CARE AND CHILDHOOD AND INJURY PREVENTION. HE WAS THE  
18 CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF GENERAL AND EMERGENCY PEDIATRICS,  
19 HE'S A VERY ACTIVE INVESTIGATOR FOR THE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
20 INSTITUTE AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. WHERE HE DID RESEARCH TO HELP SET  
21 STANDARDS FOR THE RECITATION OF CHILDREN. HE IS -- ALSO WE  
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. FRANK STANTON, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
23 AGE OF 90. HE WAS A GENERAL PRACTITIONER IN THE CITY OF LONG  
24 BEACH FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE SERVED AT AND WAS DIRECTOR OF THE  
25 OBISPO MEDICAL GROUP FOUNDED BY HIS FATHER FRANK SENIOR.



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1 ACCORDING TO HIS SON TONY, FRANK KNEW THE STREETS OF LONG  
2 BEACH BETTER THAN MOST TAXI DRIVERS THROUGH HIS INNUMERABLE  
3 HOUSE CALLS THAT MADE AT ALL HOURS. HE WAS QUITE A GENTLEMAN  
4 AND QUITE A HISTORY IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. HE'S SURVIVED  
5 BY HIS SONS, TONY, DAVID, THOMAS, DAUGHTER ELLEN, FIVE  
6 GRANDCHILDREN AND BY HIS COMPANION OF SEVEN YEARS, DOLORES  
7 ANDERSON. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REVEREND BISHOP  
8 C. DANIEL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 24TH AT THE AGE OF 71.  
9 REVEREND DANIEL WAS A LONG-TIME PASTOR OF NEW HOPE MINISTRY  
10 BAPTIST CHURCH IN WILMINGTON. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS IN THE  
11 UNITED STATES NAVY. THE PASTOR WHO LIVED IN LONG BEACH ALSO  
12 SERVED ON MANY WILMINGTON AND LONG BEACH COMMUNITY BOARDS,  
13 INCLUDING THE LONG BEACH MINISTERS ALLIANCE, THE LONG BEACH  
14 CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
15 COLORED PEOPLE, AND THE WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.  
16 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SHEILA, SIX SONS, MICHAEL, BARON,  
17 FRANKIE, RICHARD, RICKIE, AND STEPHEN, DAUGHTER, KAREN ANN,  
18 SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDSON. ANOTHER GENTLEMAN  
19 WITH GREAT STORIES AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T BELIEVE I HELD ANYTHING.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE -- AS STATED, ON AUGUST 2ND, 46-YEAR-  
7 OLD SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, STEPHEN SORENSEN, WAS FATALLY SHOT WHILE  
8 RESPONDING TO A CALL IN LLANO. THE AUTHORITIES ARE SEEKING  
9 DONALD CHARLES KUECK OF LLANO, WHO IS NOT CONSIDERED A  
10 SUSPECT, BUT MAY HAVE SEEN THE SHOOTING AS HIS 1973 YELLOW AND  
11 BLACK DODGE CUSTOM LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 122 HFM WAS FOUND 2-  
12 1/2 MILES FROM THE CRIME SCENE. THE SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED TO BE  
13 A WHITE MALE, LATE 40S TO EARLY 50S, SIX FEET TALL. THE  
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF ANYONE  
15 WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INVESTIGATION. AND I'D  
16 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 IN  
17 RETURN FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF  
18 THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SHERIFF DEPUTY STEPHEN  
19 SORENSEN'S MURDER AND ALSO THAT THE FLAGS BE FLOWN AT HALF  
20 MAST FOR HIM.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
23 ORDERED.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO HAVE A MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT. AND HAS  
2   -- IT'S ALREADY BEEN STATED, AND I'D ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN  
3   IN MEMORY OF DR. HOWARD PAYNE HOUSE, WHO PASSED AWAY JUST A  
4   COUPLE DAYS AGO, ENDING A 64-YEAR CAREER TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
5   HEARING RESEARCH. HE ESTABLISHED THE WORLD RENOWNED LOS  
6   ANGELES-BASED INSTITUTE IN 1946 TO DEVELOP TREATMENTS FOR  
7   HEARING PROBLEMS. HE TREATED THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS AT THE  
8   INSTITUTE, INCLUDING BOB HOPE, HOWARD HUGHES, RONALD REAGAN.  
9   AND HE'S GOING TO BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS. I  
10   HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL WITH HIS THREE  
11   CHILDREN, CAROLYN, WHO WAS ALSO AN OLYMPIC SWIMMER; DR. JOHN  
12   HOUSE IS CARRYING ON AT THE HOUSE INSTITUTE, AND DR. KEN  
13   HOUSE. HOWARD WAS A REMARKABLE PERSON. AGED 55, HE WAS STILL  
14   DRIVING, DANCING, AND WORKING AT THE OFFICE AND JUST A COUPLE  
15   MONTHS AGO, AT THE ANNUAL HOUSE INSTITUTE ANNUAL DINNER AT THE  
16   BEVERLY HILTON, HE WAS THERE PARTICIPATING, SPEAKING, AND OUT  
17   ON THE DANCE FLOOR AND JUST A REAL RAY OF HEALTH. I MEAN, A  
18   REAL POSITIVE ROLE MODEL AT 95, AND FOR HIS MANY  
19   CONTRIBUTIONS, SO WE'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY ON HIS  
20   BEHALF.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON THAT ONE.

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, JUDGE PETER CUSUFIKUS WHO WAS A JUDGE  
25   IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN FACT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE SMALL



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1 CLAIMS COURT JUDGE WHOSE PEOPLE'S COURT GAINED NATIONAL  
2 ATTENTION IN THE '60S AND '70S, AND HE PASSED AWAY. ANOTHER  
3 LONG-TIME FRIEND, ROBERT STEINHILLBER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY  
4 18TH. HE WORKED FOR PACIFIC BELL AND LATER FOR THE UNITED  
5 STATES GOVERNMENT. HE SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN FOR ED DAVIS, FOR  
6 RONALD REAGAN, AND HE WAS A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE TO THE  
7 NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION.  
8 JANNETTE GINGER CUNNINGHAM, PASSED AWAY ON JULY 30TH. SHE WAS  
9 THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF A CHURCH I ATTEND, GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN  
10 CHURCH, WHERE SHE WAS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT HER WHOLE LIFE, AND  
11 SHE WAS ALSO A FAMOUS ARTIST, SHE WAS A PAINTER AND TAUGHT ART  
12 FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS. AND JOHN CLAIREY HOOVER, A LONG TIME SAN  
13 MARINO RESIDENT, HE BEGAN THE HOOVER AND ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL  
14 MANAGEMENT CONSULTING BUSINESS. HE ALSO SHARED A VERY LOVE FOR  
15 THOROUGHBRED HORSES, OWNING THE CIRCLE H RANCH, A 200 HORSE  
16 BOARDING -- BREEDING FACILITY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN MANY, MANY  
17 ORGANIZATIONS IN PASADENA, SAN MARINO, INCLUDING THE BOYS AND  
18 GIRLS CLUB OF PASADENA AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH IN ALHAMBRA,  
19 AND REAL GOOD PART OF THE -- FROM THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES AND  
20 OTHER FINE ORGANIZATIONS. HE WAS A VERY FINE PERSON. SO I MOVE  
21 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT -- HAS EVERYONE DONE THEIR  
3 ADJOURNMENTS? ARE THERE ANYTHING -- IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER.  
4 DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NO ONE'S SIGNED UP.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
11 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
13 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
14 EXISTING LITIGATION. ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
15 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND  
16 ITEM CS-5, INTERVIEW AND CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION  
17 OF DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
18 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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20 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, YESTERDAY WE ALSO WERE SERVED  
21 WITH TWO NEW LAWSUITS, GRAY DAVIS VERSUS KEVIN SHELLY, ET AL,  
22 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT CASE S117921, AND DICK ABKARIAN  
23 VERSUS KEVIN SHELLY, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NUMBER  
24 CIV035534LGB, AND IF THE BOARD WISHES TO BE BRIEFED ON THOSE  
25 CASES IN CLOSED SESSION, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO



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1 MAKE A FINDING THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT  
2 TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE GOING UPSTAIRS?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT GOING TO BE UPSTAIRS?

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, WE'LL BE IN ROOM 739.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

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1                   **NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,**

2                               **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2003:**

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4   The following action was reported by the Executive Office on  
5   August 8, 2003 as a result of the Board of Supervisors' August  
6   5, 2003 Closed Session relating to Item CS-5:

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8   On August 5, 2003, the Board of Supervisors met in Closed  
9   Session to consider candidates for appointment to the position  
10   of Director of Internal Services, pursuant to Government Code  
11   Section 54957. Pursuant to County Code Section 2.06.010, the  
12   Board appointed Jon Kirk Mukri to the position of Director of  
13   Internal Services, effective September 15, 2003, and  
14   instructed the Director of Personnel to negotiate an annual  
15   salary.

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17   The Board also instructed the Director of Personnel to execute  
18   an at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by  
19   the County Counsel subsequent to approval of an annual salary  
20   for Jon Kirk Mukri by the Board of Supervisors.

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22   The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisor Molina  
23   being absent.

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